lacunae in the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act

47. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA;

SHRI MIRZA IRSHADBAIG:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Urban land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act is being considered for revision; if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) what are the reasons for tardy implementation of the Act;

(c) what are the lacunae of the Act that is being exploited by middlemen; and

(d) whether Government are aware that there is a widespread complaint of large scale corruption and malpractice in the implementation of the Act, if so, the manner in which it is done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) The State Governments and Union Territory Administrations, in which the Act is in force, have from time to time brought to the notice of the Central Govt, certain practical and procedural difficulties in the implementation of the Act, particularly with reference to the exemption clauses. The Government is also aware of the allegations of corruption and mal-practices in the implementation of the Act. The National Commission on Urbanisation, in their interim report, have recommended the lines on which the Act could be amended. The Government is considering the revision of the Act, with a view to making it more effective.

Estimates of losses caused by floods and drought

48. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether various States had recently submitted their estimates of losses due to floods and drought requesting for urgent relief to meet the public misery;

(b) if so, what were such estimates received by Government and the actual amount of relief given to them;

(c) the dates when the requests were received and reliefs given;

(d) to what extent in each State the relief so given has been able to relieve the public misery; and

(e) the basis|formula according to which the relief to each State was determined and the reactios of various States thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) The States affected by drought and floods during Southwest monsoon period of 1987 have submitted memoranda giving their estimates of requirements for taking up relief measures in the affected; areas. The State-wise details of assistance sought by the State Governments and approved by Government of India for drought and floods are given in Statements-I and il respectively.

(c) Details of date of receipt of memoranda and date of approval of Central assistance i_n respect of drought and floods ar_e given vide Statements III and IV respectively.